

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Group Art Unit No.: 2131

Amol Khare, et al.

Examiner: Shin Hon Chen

Serial No.: 10/820,980

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PREVENTING NETWORK ATTACKS BY  
AUTHENTICATING INTERNET CONTROL  
MESSAGE PROTOCOL PACKETS

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Commissioner for Patents

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**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on September 26, 2007, the shortened statutory period for which runs until December 26, 2007, extended one (1) month by petition for extension of time herein to January 26, 2008. Please reconsider the subject application in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 9.

**A Request for Continued Examination (RCE)** and RCE fee are filed concurrently herewith.